

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5-9 were rejected, and claims 2 and 4 were objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0087746 A1 to Kryliouk et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,766,783 to Utsumi et al, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate herein the recitation of claim 2 to thereby obviate the foregoing rejection with respect to claims 1, 3, 4 and 9. Claim 2 has been canceled. Method claim 5 has been amended to include each of the limitations of the device as claimed in amended claim 1. If claim 1 is found to be patentable, so is the method of making the device. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5 (as amended), 6, 7 and 8 are patentable over the cited prior art as well.

Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to return initialed form PTO/SB/08a for the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 28, 2008.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1 and 3-9 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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